

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-18, and 20-24 were pending.

Claims 1-4, 11, 14, 16-18, 20 and 24 were rejected. Claims 21-23 were drawn to an invention nonelected with traverse in a previous paper. Claims 5-10, 12, 13 and 15 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants hereby cancel claims 4, 5, 12, and 15 – 24, amend claims 1, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13 and 14, and add new claims 25-30. The limitations of claims 4 and 5 have been added to claim 1. The limitation of claim 10 has been combined with claim 1 to make amended newly independent claim 10. The limitations of claims 11 and 12 have been combined with claim 1 to make amended newly independent claim 12. The limitations of claims 14 and 15 have been combined with claim 1 to make amended newly independent claim 14. The dependencies of claims 6, 7 and 13 have been changed accordingly. New claims 25-30 correspond to claims 2 and 3 but are dependent on new independent claims 10, 12 and 14.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional required fee, or credit any excess fee paid, to Deposit Account 04-1579 (56.0708).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas O. Mitchell", written over a horizontal line.

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